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Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week Ending May 4, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 2.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending May 4, 1997. The main farming activities for the week included planting cotton, rice, sorghum, and other crops as weather permitted. Excessive rainfall throughout most of the week continued to halt most fieldwork and slowed crop progress. Many cotton producers are waiting on dry weather to continue planting. Soil moisture conditions were rated 41 percent adequate and 59 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	98	96	93	87	0	2	28	62	8
	Emerged	89	77	80	73					
Cotton	Planted	11	10	32	44	---	---	---	---	---
Rice	Planted	84	78	76	71	0	5	27	66	2
	Emerged	39	11	57	49					
Sorghum	Planted	60	47	65	57	0	0	32	68	0
	Emerged	44	17	48	42					
Soybeans	Planted	23	22	28	17	---	---	---	---	---
	Emerged	10	---	15	11					
Wheat	Jointing	100	100	100	99	7	15	43	32	3
	Heading	99	91	83	86					
Peanuts	Planted	8	5	59	46	---	---	---	---	---
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	10	9	10	11	---	---	---	---	---
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	20	---	21	10	---	---	---	---	---
Watermelons	Planted	83	80	85	77	0	0	49	49	2
Blueberries						0	0	20	52	28
Cattle						1	3	21	58	17
Pasture						1	4	30	53	12

County Agent Comments

"Rain continues to delay planting of row crops. If rain continues there may not be any cotton planted in Marshall county in 1997."

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

"Wet, cool weather continues to be the number one problem for producers. Pastures are growing again, but no hay has been harvested. Wheat potential is improving."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Over 6 inches of rain put a halt to all row crop farming activities in Madison county this week. Cotton producers are waiting on dry weather to plant."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Ryegrass hay harvest has been delayed until now. Hopefully, the present dry weather pattern will continue for at least a week to allow farmers to complete this harvest. Farmers are also working cattle and fertilizing summer pastures."

— Don Bales, Wilkinson County

"With cool, damp weather conditions, many row and vegetable crops are experiencing seedling diseases. We need some dry, hot days to help with the problem and also give forage producers an opportunity to start harvesting cool season grasses."

— Roger D. Jones, Perry County

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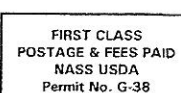
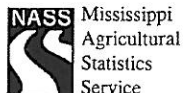
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Weather Summary From April 28, 1997 to May 4, 1997 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	79	44	63	67	-4	1.88	+0.48	3	3.98	77	55	65	0.23
Cleveland	79	47	62			3.57		3	5.47				
Tunica	80	42	58	65	-7	1.38	-0.19	3	4.26	75	60	66	
Extreme/Average	80	42	61	66	-5	2.28	+0.79	3	4.57	77	55	65	0.23
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	83	39	58	63	-5	1.76	+0.38	4	3.28	76	55	64	0.17
Memphis	79	46	61	66	-5	1.45	+0.14	4	5.68				
Oxford	85	45	60	64	-3	1.76	+0.32	2	3.53				
Extreme/Average	85	39	60	64	-5	1.66	+0.28	3	4.16	76	55	64	0.17
3. Northeast													
Booneville	80	45	59	64	-5	2.18	+0.92	3	3.37				
Corinth	82	44	61	65	-4	1.39	+0.02	4	2.85				
Iuka	80	41	58			2.38		4	3.29				
Pontotoc	83	45	61	65	-4	5.80	+4.60	3	7.34	79	60	67	0.24
Tupelo	80	47	61	65	-4	3.22	+1.98	5	5.34				
Verona	80	45	62			4.60		3	5.32	76	55	63	0.20
Extreme/Average	83	41	61	65	-4	3.26	+1.99	4	4.59	79	55	65	0.20
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	81	52	64	68	-4	4.12	+2.85	3	6.91	84	63	71	
Greenwood	83	48	65	67	-2	3.59	+2.34	3	4.62				
Rolling Fork	83	49	63			0.94	-0.28	3	3.64	85	66	72	0.14
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	83	53	66	68	-3	2.15	+0.77	4	4.70				
Extreme/Average	83	48	65	68	-3	2.70	+1.42	3	4.97	85	63	72	0.14
5. Central													
Carthage	84	44	65	66	-1	2.65	+1.36	2	6.29				
Jackson	84	48	65	68	-3	0.89	-0.44	5	7.18				
Winona	80	48	61	64	-3	5.76	+4.51	3	7.50				
Extreme/Average	84	44	64	66	-2	3.10	+1.81	3	6.99				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						3.28	+2.26	3	4.03	77	59	66	
Columbus	82	50	65			3.24		2	7.08				
State University	81	51	65	67	-1	2.17	+1.22	3	5.11	83	57	67	
Extreme/Average	82	50	65	67	-2	2.71	+1.76	3	6.10	83	57	67	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	83	50	65			0.94		2	7.39	85	63	72	
Natchez	83	49	66	69	-3	0.17	-1.19	2	7.63				
Oakley	85	53	65			2.45	+1.37	3	9.38	85	59	71	
Vicksburg	83	51	65			0.92		3	5.79				
Extreme/Average	85	49	66	69	-4	1.12	-0.10	3	7.55	85	59	71	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	85	50	68	70	-2	2.98	+1.81	4	8.46				
McComb	83	48	66	69	-2	0.05	-1.08	1	12.87				
Extreme/Average	85	48	67	69	-2	1.52	+0.37	3	10.67				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	86	51	65			1.52		2	6.81	83	60	68	
Hattiesburg	84	49	65	69	-5	2.57	+1.47	3	6.25				
Laurel													
Meridian	86	47	65	67	-2	0.64	-0.42	4	7.81				
Newton	84	45	65	67	-2	3.62	+2.45	3	9.52	78	58	65	0.20
Extreme/Average	86	45	65	68	-3	2.09	+0.98	3	7.60	83	58	67	0.20
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	87	50	68			0.89		2	4.64				
Biloxi	81	55	68			0.69		3	5.57				
Gulfport													
Pascagoula													
Poplarville													
Extreme/Average	87	50	68			0.79		3	5.11				
State	87	39	64	67	-3	2.12	+0.88	3	6.23	85	55	67	0.20

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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